



DEEPING ST JAMES COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY
Hereward Way, Deeping St James, Peterborough PE6 8PZ

Brief Minutes FULL GOVERNING BODY MEETING 3.10.2018 7pm

Present: D Ludford(Chair) ,I Wilkinson, D Knight, T Allen, P Cradock, A Bradshaw

- 1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Marcelle Russell, Graham Lyden, Jenny Purdy, Sarah Dodson
- 2) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/ELIGIBILITY**

There were none

- 3) **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 12.07.2018**

These were agreed.

- 4) **MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING (12.07.18)**

The lock down policy had been updated to deal with incidents at playtime.

Photos for the new governor board have started to be taken and the board will be updated as soon as possible.

- 5) **HEADTEACHERS REPORT**

The HT report had been issued and certain points were raised. The concern over the low admission number was discussed.

Governors suggested that we could put an advert in the local press and also in the village magazine to publicise ourselves so that parents knew that we had places available – this was agreed.

PC then brought up the new homework system, expressing concerns that parents thought that homework was being devalued. IW confirmed that a great deal of thought had gone into the change and that homework under the new system was easily monitored; there were also incentives for children to undertake their homework within school. Early reports from teachers suggested that the homework system was having a positive impact on the core aspects of English and Maths.

It was agreed however, that we would monitor comments about the homework system at Parent Evenings.

- 6) **AGREE SUB COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

These were agreed but it was highlighted that, having lost some governors recently, we need to replace governors on the Curriculum and Standards Committee.

DL stated that a joint advert in the local press may be a good way of attracting new governors.

IW replied that Baston and DSJ were just compiling an advert and that it would be issued shortly.

- 7) **REVIEW 2018 SATS RESULTS**

The attainment part of the SATS result had already been discussed at the FGB meeting in July. IW went through the progress scores. These were positive, being above the national in Reading and Maths (seen as average) and well above the national in Writing. Disadvantaged children were to be a focus this year and Mrs Glover was targeting these children in Year 4/5/6 to boost progress. Reading progress was to be addressed through a Peer Review Reading project focussing on parental engagement and middle/HA pupil premium children reaching Greater Depth.

- 8) **REVIEW SDP 2018/2019**

This was reviewed and areas highlighted where action had already been undertaken.

- 9) **REVIEW SEF 2018/2019**

The SEF had been updated with the new data and targets for this year.

10) REVIEW OF KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION

Governors were informed that all staff had had the training on the new Keeping Children Safe document and that IW would send out a copy for governors to familiarise themselves with.

11) POLICIES FOR REVIEW

Policies were reviewed.

12) IMPACT OF GOVERNANCE SINCE LAST MEETING

Governors had been part of a disciplinary process for a member of staff.

Governors had also taken part in school trips.

13) REPORT FROM CURRICULUM AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE 20.09.2018

A report was given from the Curriculum and Standards meeting. IW went through some training that he had run at the start of term in a teacher training day and to TAs. This included the story: "The Pig of Happiness". This was shown and explained. As a result of this staff had really taken on board the ethos of the story and were sharing how we can "Shine" in our everyday life with the children. This has become a new feature of our school and of Celebration Assemblies.

14) AOB

There was no other business and the meeting finished at 9:30pm.